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Dear ILNA Members,

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday season as we now anxiously await the arrival of spring. It looks like we are in for a possible rebound in the coin industry after a long hard year in 2014. With the metals falling and the coin auction results being what they have been, 2014 was a struggle for most people in the coin business. I started off 2015 at the Florida FUN show and what a great show it was with attendance at an all-time high and people searching out key-date coins, commons and bullion items. The T.V. companies and telemarketers had buy lists they were trying to fill which means coins are selling for everyone. There were also several key-date coins for sale in the Florida Heritage auction with all of them selling for better than expected numbers.

Two weeks after the Florida show I attended the Los Angeles Long Beach show. Big wholesalers had filled their list at the Florida show; however, they and the public were out in full force. The numbers for the Long Beach show were a new record for February attendance and people were buying everything in sight. Hopefully this is a trend that will continue into 2015 and the year will be successful for everyone in our business. It looks like metal prices are holding in a range for the start of this year. Most analysts predict gold will settle between \$1160 and \$1260 and silver between \$16.25 and \$18.25. Let's see how correct their predictions are at years end.

There is nothing new to report on the legal front with the State of Illinois or the City of Chicago. No new senate bills or ordinances are in session as of now. The only thing that everyone is watching is a possible tax on internet sales which is the hot button topic in the house and senate right now. I will keep you up to date on this topic as information comes available to me.

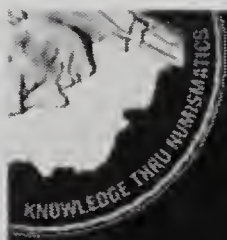
The ILNA board met in February and is already gearing up for the 2015 annual show. If anyone has any ideas for a show theme, please send them to me so they can be brought forth at the next meeting. We are also looking to fill one vacant seat on the board. Anyone with interest can contact me at kedziekoin@aol.com for a list of requirements. On a final note, we are searching for a digest editor assistant who can help Brian by answering emails as well as work with the advertisers in developing their ads. Anyone with experience who is interested in this position can e-mail me at the address above. Here's wishing everyone a wonderful spring.

Thanks,

Steve Harrison,

President of the Illinois Numismatic Association.

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ILNA SECRETARY

John Schikora

With the arrival of spring it is time again to inform ILNA members of this year's upcoming election. Since this is an odd number year, five governor seats will be up for election. Any ILNA member interested in running for a board seat will need to submit a biography that should include their numismatic and personal background and how they would contribute to the ILNA board. Candidates need to be at least eighteen years of age, reside in Illinois and have been a member at least one year who is in good standing within the organization. Biographies should be around 200 words and need to be submitted by May 11, 2015 so they can be published in the summer digest. Please e-mail biographies along with any questions to ILNA Secretary John Schikora at jschikora@att.net.

ILNA is currently looking for someone who has a background in graphic design and print layout to assist in formatting the digest. The duties would involve answering e-mails and designing print advertisements for ILNA advertisers. Anyone having interest with helping design ILNA's quarterly publication can contact Steve Harrison at kedziekoin@aol.com.

Central States Numismatic Society will be holding their annual convention in Schaumburg, Illinois on April 23rd – 25th. The show will be held at the Schaumburg Convention Center and once again ILNA will be at club booth "i" promoting the organization while looking to enroll new members. Regular membership is \$10 for one year or \$18 for two years. Any ILNA members who would like to contribute an hour or two behind the booth can contact John Schikora or Steve Harrison at the e-mail addresses listed above. As always, ILNA appreciates any time donated by the membership.

In closing, I would like to notify the membership of the new addition to the ILNA board. At the February 8th meeting ILNA member John Stankus was approved by the board to fill a vacant seat. John has been a member of the Oak Forest Coin Club over the past five years and currently is a trustee on their board. John's passion as a coin collector will undoubtedly contribute to the forward movement of ILNA. Congratulations John.

Thank you,

John Schikora, ILNA Secretary.

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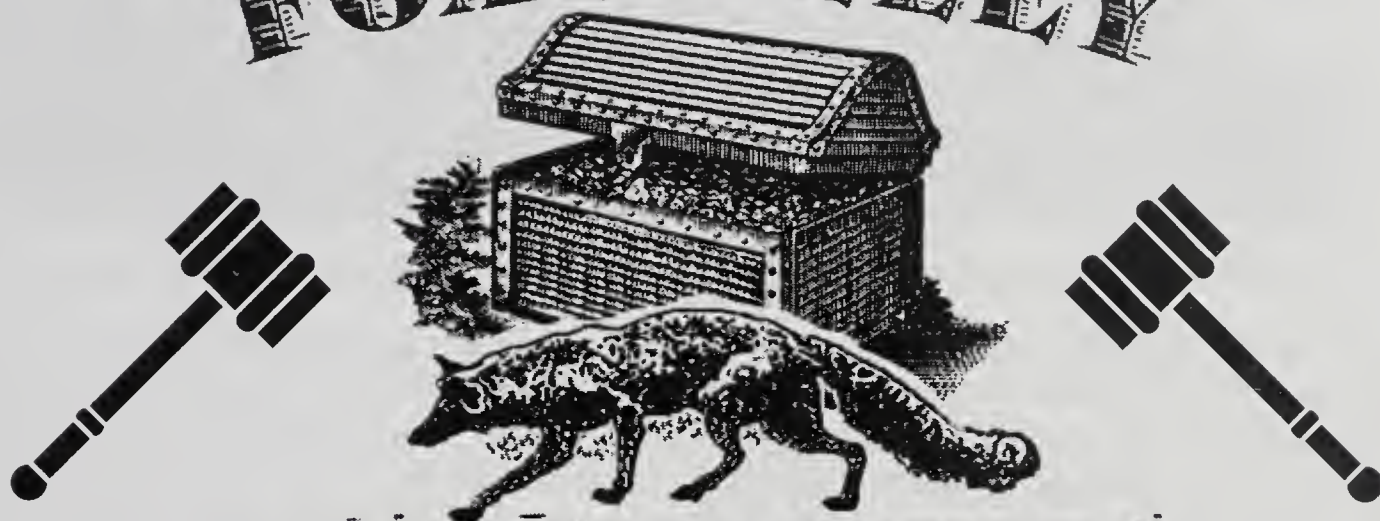
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THE BOSTON MINT PARTY

A UNIQUE INSIGHT
BY MAC RYAN

- Young numismatist and contributor Mac Ryan offers insight into Early Colonial Coinage.

The world relies on money. Every day billions of financial transactions are completed easily, in our local communities and amongst nations. One can google the internet and instantly find the exchange rates of currencies across the globe. The global economy works because we have countries with stable currencies and today, with its stable currency, the United States is considered the world leader in financial markets. It is ironic, as the history of US capital or currency was anything but certain. People think of the conflict that gave birth to our nation as a military one, "The shot heard around the world" when the American Revolutionaries confronted the British soldiers in Lexington and Concord. In fact, the first real act of defiance by the colonies may have been a financial one when the colonists in Massachusetts struck their first coin (Schwarz, 9).

While early colonists used bartering as the primary means for acquiring goods, there were a variety of coins in circulation. However, they were all foreign ones. The most common coins used were French laus, English guineas, German thalers, Dutch ducats, and Spanish milled dollars (Yeoman, 11). Typically a colony would use the coins from the country that had primarily settled that colony. Over time, the use of these coins became widespread because of the volume of trading between the colonies and merchants from other countries. The Spanish milled dollar was a coin that was very influential. When the coin was cut into wedges like the pieces of a pie, each piece was known as a bit or piece of eight (Schwarz, 2). Even after the U.S. created its own capital, people still referred to prices in terms of bits.

Some of the population tried to make a common capital out of other things. For example, in the Virginia colony, they developed an elaborate system based on tobacco. Everything was bought and sold for tobacco. So instead of having a jingling pocket of coins, a colonist might have a crunching pocket of tobacco. It was short lived though due to inflation. Some of the poorer farmers and others began planting tobacco with dreams of prospering quickly. They thought they were planting money trees. So when the harvest came there was barely any food



- The real de a ocho, also known as the Spanish dollar, the eight-real coin, or the piece of eight.

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from the farms since every farmer attempted to plant tobacco. Consequently, the price of corn was eight times higher than normal. The farmers had to burn and dispose all of the tobacco in order to stop the inflation.

There were other problems in the colonies with no common capital. One of the main problems was that there were no exchange mechanisms. Today when someone needs money in another country, they can visit an ATM machine in that country and receive money in the local currency based on the current exchange rate. Prior to the American Revolution, colonists did not really know how many Spanish milled dollars equaled a Dutch ducat, for example. There were not mechanisms to convert money from one denomination into another and thus, commerce between colonies was difficult.

An even greater problem was the resistance from England. Great Britain insisted the colonies use their money. But as stated previously, it was very difficult because of the number of different merchants from other countries involved in trading with the colonies. Several times, the colonies requested to make their own coins, but in each case, Great Britain denied them this request. The British rightly saw this desire as an attempt by the colonies to edge their way toward independence.

In the end, the Massachusetts Bay Colony became so frustrated with the difficulties in accomplishing trade within and between colonies that they illegally made their own mint in 1652 in Boston. It was located in the back of the house of John Hull, a trusted merchant, who also made the coins. Born in England into a blacksmith family, John Hull developed into a goldsmith, and mainly used his craft in making chalices for churches. Applying his skills toward rudimentary coinage was not likely a big stretch. His reward for this job was an outrageously high profit of one shilling for every twenty he struck, or five percent. This fee was far higher than any of the coinage fees charged by any mint in Europe (Raymond, 5). The coins they made “were coins of desperation meant to serve as the fastest way to alleviate the money problem and were struck with sledge hammers.” (Schwarz, 20). The coins were made out of silver and were almost blank. They were crudely cut planchets stamped on the one side with NE, and on the other side with the figures denoting: XII for a shilling; VI for a sixpence, and; III for a threepence. The coins typically had holes punched through them so a string could hold the coins together.



- Obverse and reverse shown of a New England Shilling (1652). Image courtesy of pcgscoinfacts.com

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Board Meeting Minutes

YOUR ILNA COIN CLUB BUSINESS

FROM ILNA SECRETARY JOHN SCHIKORA

- The ILNA Winter, 2015 Board Meeting was held at the Quality Inn, Bradley, Illinois on Sunday, February 8.

ROLL CALL

President Steve Harrison called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. Also in attendance were Vice President Andrew Reiber, Secretary John Schikora, Treasurer Bill Burd, Chairman of the Board Steve Butler, Governors Jim Paicz, Brian Jaskierski, Joyce Paicz, Bruce Perdue, Kevin Timmons and Richard Prouty. There was one guest present, John Stankus.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Steve Harrison asked the Board to comment on the minutes from the fall meeting which were e-mailed November 3, 2014, after discussion Bruce Perdue motioned to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Andrew Reiber, passed unanimously. Harrison said he was asked to participate in a radio talk show interview on AM 560 WIND to talk about the Greater Chicago Coin and Currency Shows which will be held in February and June. During the interview Harrison spoke about the ILNA show and was informed when the show date approaches he will do a radio show interview covering the ILNA convention. Harrison also said he was a guest speaker at the Oak Forest Coin Club and invitations have been extended from other clubs for him to speak.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

John Schikora stated five Governors seats are up for election in 2015. Any individuals interested in running and have been an ILNA member for at least one year can submit a biography to the Secretary by May 11, 2015 for publication in the Summer Digest. If no seats are contested a balloted election will not be held.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Burd reported a January 1, 2014 balance of \$89,567.00 with 2014 revenue of \$52,637 and expenses of \$50,694 leaving a December 31, 2014 balance of \$91,510.00. Andrew Reiber motioned to accept the 2014 report as read, seconded by Bruce Perdue, passed unanimously.

LIBRARY BOOK REPORT

Bill Burd reported six book titles are on hand for 2015 distribution and three additional titles will need to be purchased. ILNA will check with Whitman Publication at the Baltimore show for volume book discounts.

ADVERTISING REPORT

Jim Paicz said advertising costs for the 2015 show should be at budget or a little over which include WIND 560AM radio spots, calendar ads and numismatic publication ads. More accurate figures will be presented at the next meeting.

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BOURSE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Jim Paicz stated 261 new people attended the 2014 show. ILNA is in the process of signing a contract with Morrison Security for 2015. The Greater Chicago Coin and Currency Show plans to go from four armed security officers to three at \$25.50 per hour per officer on Thursday and Friday. Saturday will employ four officers due to the increased activity on the bourse floor. If this reduction proves to be practical, ILNA will be asked to consider doing the same for the 2015 show. Steve Harrison asked the Board for theme ideas for the 2015 convention. John Schikora mentioned Fox Valley Coin Auctions expressed interest in conducting an auction in conjunction with the 2015 ILNA show. ILNA will meet with a representative of Fox Valley Coins to discuss an auction proposal.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Joyce Paicz reported ILNA currently has 424 members consisting of 192 regular, 88 youth, 30 club and 114 life members.

WEBMASTER’S REPORT

Bruce Perdue said the website has been updated with the current 2015 show information.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR

Steve Harrison said he e-mailed both youth ambassadors and they are working on their articles for the upcoming digest.

NEW BUSINESS

Steve Harrison asked the Board to vote on ILNA member John Stankus to fill a vacant seat on the ILNA Board. After voting Mr. Stankus received a majority decision and Harrison welcomed Mr. Stankus to the ILNA Board. The next Board meeting is in Schaumburg at the Central States Convention on April 25th at 10:00 am.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:54 pm Andrew Reiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bruce Perdue, passed unanimously. *

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In 1652, however, the US was very much part of Great Britain. To create a mint, someone needed to have a royal license making the Boston mint illegal. This was the very first act of defiance against King George, and it was not a military act or shot. It was an economic one, the minting of a coin.

At first, the Massachusetts Bay Colony's venture proved very successful. All of the merchants trusted John Hull and accepted this new form of capital and trading became much easier. This period of economic prosperity was short lived though because of something called "clipping." The coins were easy to counterfeit, and easy to "clip." Clipping was a term applied to the removal of small amounts of silver from a coin by shaving or cutting an edge of it, and this was the downfall of the coin (Schwarz, 20). Merchants began to deny the coins because so many had been clipped. The coin values were based on the value of the silver content in the coin, which was typical of most coins. So by clipping, one removed some of the silver, diminishing the value, even if in small amounts. So finally merchants started weighing the coins. They could see that the ones "clipped" weighed under what they should, and therefore the merchants risked losing money. Weighing the coins became too time-consuming and the merchants quickly stopped accepting them. Even though the John Hull mint was short lived, it inspired many others to try and find a way for a common capital in the colonies.

Eventually the conflict between the colonies and England did take on a military focus and the United States declared Independence in 1776, beginning the American Revolution. As a new country, the U.S. was in dire need of a common capital. The Articles of Confederation allowed each state to produce their own coinage if they choose (Yeoman, 13). New Hampshire was the first to consider this and produced a few coins with the date 1776, but they are very rare. Massachusetts also made their own coins. While these attempts started the process towards a common capital, they did not provide the needed solution.

In 1781, the Continental Congress recognizing the dilemma attempted to solve the issues of a lack of a common capital with the continental currency. (Yeoman, 13) They were struck in Philadelphia or Lancaster in three different denominations: pewter, silver or brass. Then in 1783 the Continental Congress used its authority to make the Nova Constellatio Silver (as shown below), becoming some of our earliest known national coinage. This money was based on a plan for coinage devised by Gouverneur Morris (Raymond, 30)



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RECENT ACQUISITIONS

- ~Russo, Roberto & Alberto De Falco - The RBW Collection of Roman Republican Coins, 2013, Zurich, with historical notes by David Vagi.
- ~Dale, Maria F. P. Saffiotti, editor - European Medals in the Chazen Museum of Art, 2014, Madison, WI, highlights from the Vernon Hall collection and later acquisitions.
- ~Velde, Wybrand Op den and David Hartill - Cast Korean Coins and Charms, 2013, England.
- ~Moy, Edmund C. - American Gold and Platinum Eagles, 2014, Atlanta, a guide to the U. S. bullion coin programs.
- ~Rice, William R. - The Kennedy World in Medallion Art, 2014, Atlanta, John F. Kennedy and his family in medals, coins, tokens, and other collectibles.
- ~Bailey, Don and Lois - Whitman Encyclopedia of Mexican Money Volume 1, 2014, Atlanta, an illustrated history of Mexican coins and currency.
- ~Gurney, Robert - Counterfeit Portrait Eight-Reales - The Un-real Reales, 2014, Hope Mills, NC.
- ~Trusted, Marjorie - German Renaissance Medals - 1990, Gloucester, a catalogue of the collection in the Victoria & Albert Museum.
- ~Q. David Bowers - Guide to U. S. Shell Cards 1867 - 1880, 2014, Token and Medal Society, 356 pages, profusely illustrated in color.
- ~Manville, Harrington E. - Dictionary of English Numismatic Terms, 2014, London, Encyclopedia of British Numismatics - Volume V.

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Coins such as the mill cents and the Fugio cents were made. They were first struck by the authority of the U.S., but were minted under a contract with a man named James Jarvis. In total, three hundred tons of these coins were struck, and Benjamin Franklin influenced the design. Despite these attempts, a common capital was still unsuccessful in the U.S.

The first official mint of the United States of America was established in 1792. The Mint Act of April 2, 1792 authorized the establishment of a national mint at Philadelphia, and in July of that year they laid the first corner stone. The mint had the distinction of being the first building erected for public purposes by the U.S. (Raymond, 38). President Washington appointed David Rittenhouse as the first director of the United States Mint. To his credit, Rittenhouse was in extremely poor health at the time but rose to the challenge. He was America’s leading expert on astronomy and had constructed an observatory with the first telescope in America as early as 1756 (Schwarz, 69). Having established the mint’s operations, they made a variety of different coins, such as the silver half disme, which we know as the nickel, and silver and copper disme, which are extremely rare. The Mint also produced a silver centre, which was worth three-fourths a cent, a half eagle, a ten-dollar gold eagle, and five-dollar gold eagle.

Anyone who had gold or silver bullion could take it to the mint and have it made into coins of equal value at no additional cost. This was by design as the government wanted to encourage the making of coins while avoiding the immense expense of mining the gold and silver. This was very convenient for the people and therefore the use of these coins took flight.

The challenge of establishing a new mint system and a common currency was further aided by the desire to create unity. After winning the Revolutionary War, the U.S. was still a young and fragile country. Making coins stamped with The United States of America helped create a feeling of strong nationalism and parity with other countries. It gave the U.S. a common capital and trading became easier. Now a merchant could present a coin and receive change in the same types of coins. It was a significant improvement even though the U.S. still had many economic issues.

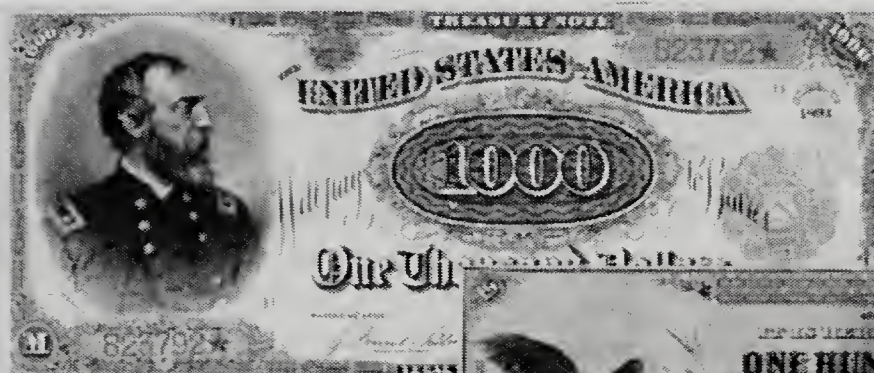
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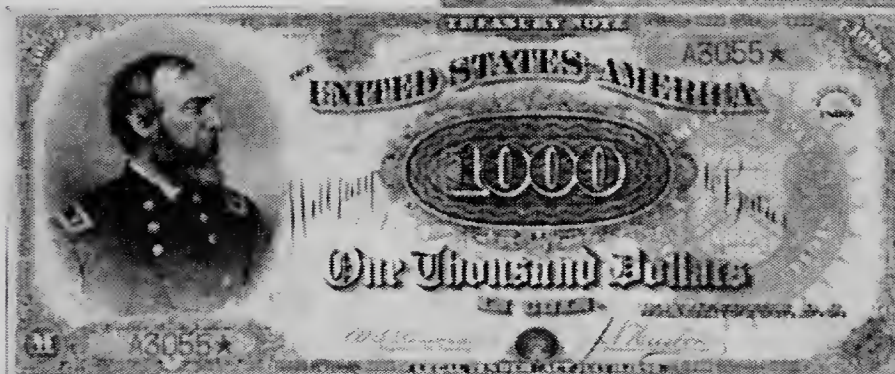
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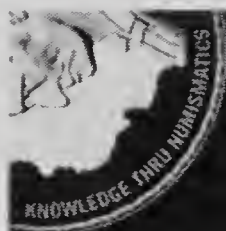
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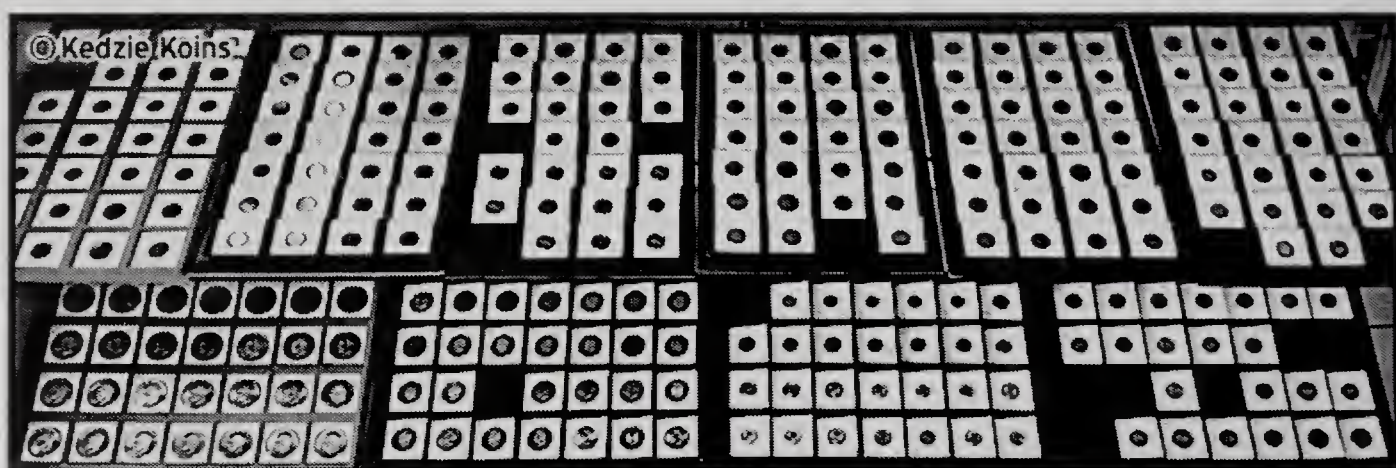
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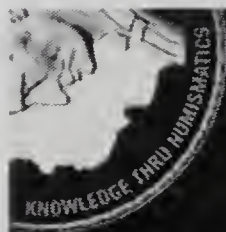
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BACK TO THE CLASSICS: MERCURY DIMES

BY MARK BENVENUTO

- Nationally known numismatic contributor Mark Benvenuto shares his viewpoint into the challenging series of the Winged Liberty Head Dime.

Next year the humble, hard-working Roosevelt dime will turn 70 years old. In all the fuss, the hype, the buzz about redesigning quarters five times a year, about redesigning the reverse of the Lincoln cent, and of the chatter over the Westward Journey nickels, the little ol' dime may seem a bit left behind. Yet it still has some purchasing power, and it came off the heels of a short-lived but amazingly beautiful predecessor, the Mercury or Winged Liberty dime.

Issued from 1916 and up to and including 1945, these dimes are the artistry of Mr. Adolf A. Weinman, who also designed the Walking Liberty half dollar. While he is remembered by collectors for the beauty of these two designs, it is said that Weinman preferred to think of himself as a sculptor for architectural works, and not as a sculptor of medals and medallic designs. Curiously though, he also designed the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal that were awarded by the US Army and Navy for service during World War II.



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Most collectors know that these dimes are properly called Winged Liberty dimes, as the Roman messenger of the gods, Mercury, supposedly had wings on his sandals, and not his cap. But the name Mercury dime is just as readily accepted today. Almost every single collector also knows that there are plenty of these dimes from which a person can make a collection – except for one. That fabled one is the 1916-D.

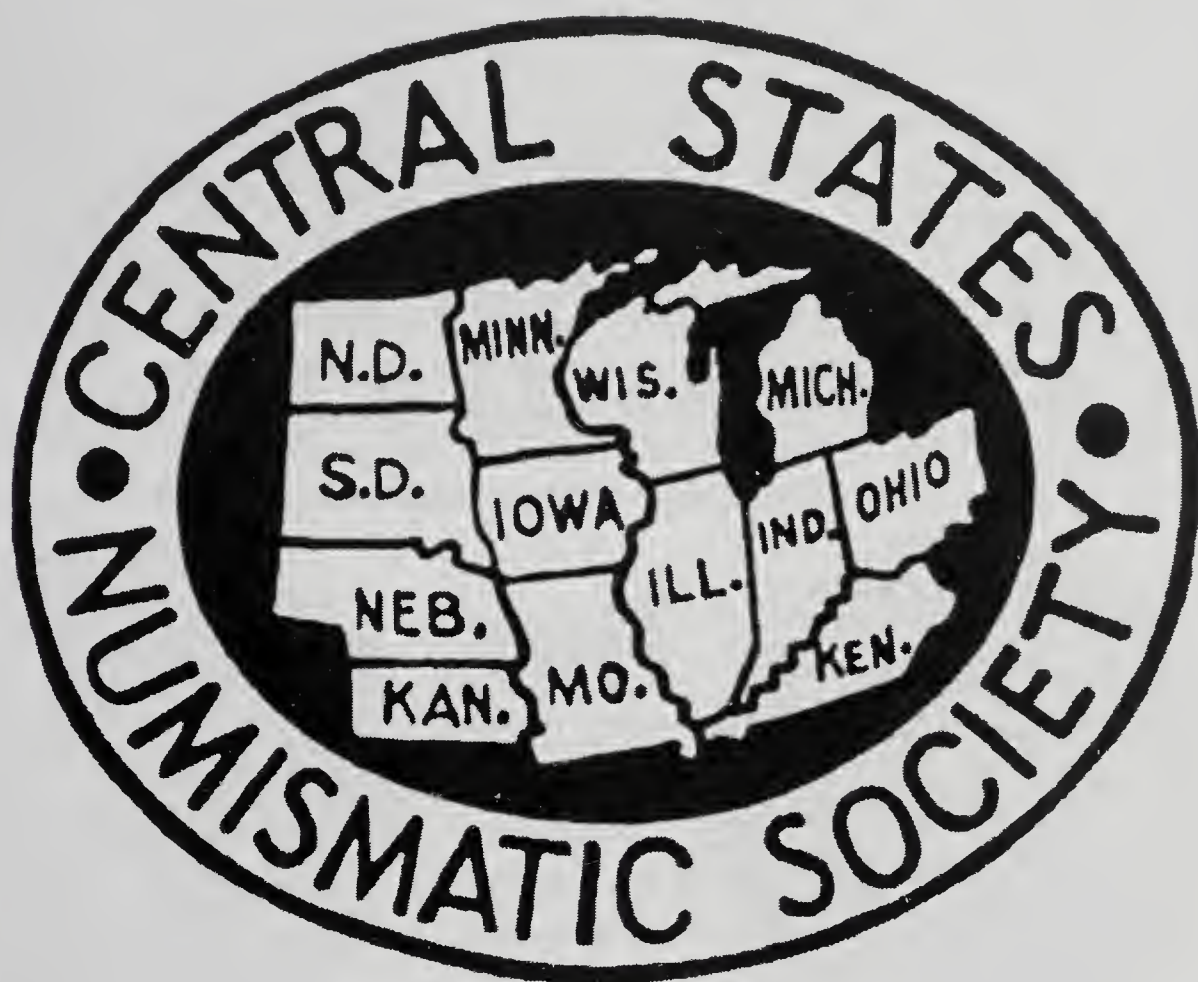


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Now, we can split up the process of collecting Mercury dimes just about any way we'd like, but let's tackle this 1916-D "rarity" first. As this is being written, a specimen of this coin in F-12 condition costs about \$2,500 – probably more than most of us want to spend on a single dime. So let's ask the big question first: Is it worth it?

The answer to that question, at least for now, is going to come right from a comparison within the Mercury dime series itself. In 1936 the Mint got started on what now gets called the modern commemorative program. It did not at that time make exactly the same number of proof cents,

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nickels, dimes, quarters, and halves. But it came close. There are 4,130 proof Mercury dimes on the official tally for 1936. The same price listing from which we just got the figure for and F-12 specimen of the 1916-D dime, with its total of 264,000 dimes, claims that a 1936 PF-65 costs \$1,100. As Ripley used to say, “Believe it or not.” With those two prices as comparison points, this author might be the first to say, ‘no,’ the 1916-D Mercury dime is simply not worth it. It’s a spot to leave blank.

Okay then, so how do we get back to basics, and collect these dimes affordably? First, the Philadelphia pieces. There are only three dates at the main facility at Philadelphia with mintages below ten million. Those are the 1921, the 1930, and the 1931. Beyond these three dates, all the Mercury dimes from Philly are quite affordable. Plenty of them will cost only \$15 - \$25 in the lower mint state grades.



- Pictured at left/right, self-proclaimed “architectural artist” Adolf A. Weinman’s obverse/reverse design of the Mercury Dime.



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Next, the branch Mint coins. The branch Mint Mercury dimes can be a mixed bag of nuts, as it were. When it comes to those from Denver, even though some of the mintages are not all that large, the prices are still reasonable (except for that ‘16-D, that is!). For whatever reason, collectors almost never work themselves into a frenzy when it comes to the ‘D’ mint mark. The ‘S’ mint mark of San Francisco though? Well, that’s another story. That mint mark, at least when it’s on pieces that are still in mint state, can run a person at least into the hundreds of dollars per dime.

If that is too much for you, step down a bit. Put together the short set at the end of the series. Try some of the higher-end circulated pieces to fill these holes in a growing collection. If the prices of some of the earliest mercury dimes leave a sour taste in your mouth, at least in the higher grades, try the short set that can be made from all the Merchs issued from 1930 to 1945. There really are not any rare dates or mint marks in this chunk of the series. Many of these coins are available in grades such as MS-63 or MS-64 for \$15 - \$30. Anyway you count it, that’s not too bad.

Finally, try acquiring a proof or two. We mentioned the 1936 proof already, and a price tag that will go with it. The good news here is that the 1936 proof is the single most expensive proof in the short date run of Mercury dime proof coins. Issued from 1936 – 1942, always from Philadelphia, these dimes saw their greatest proof mintage in 1942, with 22,329 listed on the books. A PF-65 price tag that you’ll find on one of these today is quite pleasant – about \$200. The price does not really jump either when a person steps back to the 1941 or even the 1940.

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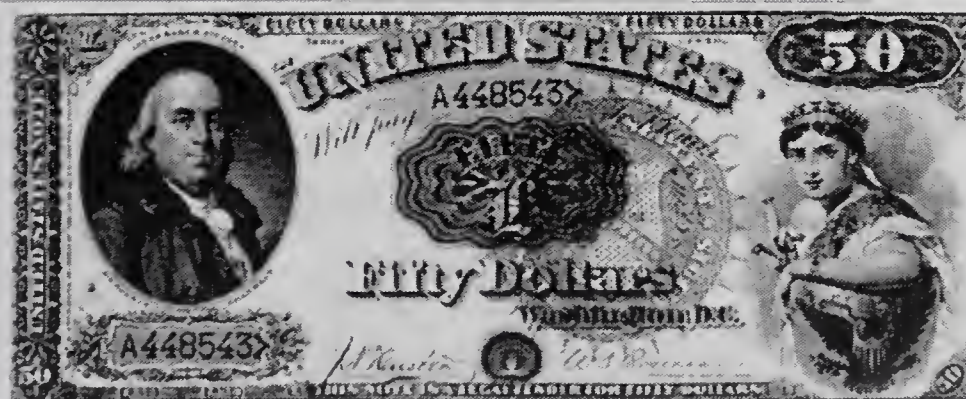
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No, when it comes to proof Mercury dimes, the challenge is to find one! They are far less common than the already-mentioned 1916-D.

Other options? There are certainly other ways a person could choose to go at collecting Mercury dimes. One might even break away from the dimes a bit and try to assemble a set of Mr. Weinman's medallic artwork, Walking Liberty fifty-cent piece, or military medals. It certainly would be an intriguing collecting challenge. But whatever you decide, getting back to the basics of Mercury dimes might be an excellent way to re-inject some fun into your hobby. *

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EXPENSES

Show Deposit - 2013 Show	\$1,000
Donations	600
Legal Fees	779
Board Expenses	5,810
Fees & Licenses	60
Books for Libraries	1,557
Misc. Expense	396
Digest	4,610
Insurance	565
2014 Show Expenses	1,307
2014 Show Security	4,969
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Rantoul Coin Club. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 P.M. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL. Information: RCC, 203 E. Campbell St., Rantoul, IL, 61866.

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Rockford Area Coin Club. Meetings: Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 P.M. at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). Information: Don Smith, 100 W. Main, Rockton, IL, 61072. Daytime Phone: 815 624-0422.

Tazewell Numismatic Society. Meetings: First Thursday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. Time: 7:00 P.M. Information: D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL, 61555-1203. Phone 309-353-6178.

Wat-cha-kee Coin Club. Meetings: Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. (No meeting June, July, or August) at First Methodist Church, 304 S. Fourth, Watseka, IL. Information: Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815-432-4636.

Will County Coin Club. Meetings: First Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Administrative Building, 23748 W. 135th Street, Plainfield, IL (Enter at front door and proceed downstairs). Information: Mark W. at acoinj@gmail.com or phone 815-485-4137.

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